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Response to Reply

The replies filed 3-19-01 and 5-11-01 are not fully responsive to the prior Office Action of 9-18-01 because of the following omissions or matters: the replies filed 3-19-01 and 5-11-01 do not specifically point out the support for the amendment to claim 1 (lines 10-11 and 15-16) and claim 12 (lines 9-10 and 13-14), see 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned replies appear to be *bona fide*, Applicants are given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a). Note that the Examiner is not referring to the deletion in claim 1 of "without requiring sensors to activate the cutter" as indicated in the paper filed 5-11-01. The Examiner is referring to the amendments filed 3-19-01 to lines 10-11 of claim 1, lines 15-15 of claim 1, lines 9-10 of claim 12 and lines 13-14 of claim 12. Please contact the Examiner if further clarification is necessary.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this or an earlier communication should be directed to examiner Linda L. Gray at 703-308-1093, M-F, 6:30 am-4:00 pm. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the receptionist at 703-308-0661. The fax phone numbers are 703-305-7718 (regular) and 703-305-3599 (after final).

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